

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as follows:

- I. Please insert the following new paragraph before the first line of the Specification:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a U.S. National Stage Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/DE03/00317, filed February 5, 2003, which claims priority to German Patent Application No. DE 102 10 712.2, filed March 12, 2002. Each of these applications is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in its entirety.